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REMARKS

Responding to a December 13, 2004 telephone interview with patent Examiner Le, and by the present response, Claims 1, 10, 26, 40, 44 and 56 are amended. No additional Filing Fee is required. Moreover, no new matter has been added by the present response. Reconsideration of this patent application is respectfully requested.


Applicant's attorney gratefully acknowledges the courtesies extended by Examiner M. Le during a telephone interview on December 13, 2004. During the December 13, 2004 telephone interview, the structural and functional differences between the present invention and newly cited reference U.S. Patent No. 6, 123,030 to J. J. Dohr, *et al.* were discussed.

Reconsideration of the claim program is respectfully requested. Moreover, an early passing of this application to allowance is hereby courteously solicited. Should Examiner Le desire to speak with Applicant's attorneys, they may be reached at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted;

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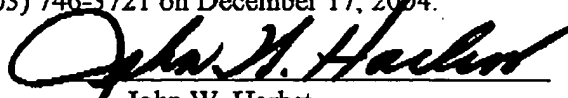
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